

Upland Scrub Mix (SUS)

The Upland Scrub Mix (SUS) map class represents the NVCS Cold-deciduous Shrubland Formation (III.B.2.N.a). It is a natural/semi-natural vegetation unit. However, we mapped to the Formation level because this vegetation could not be linked to a plant community or alliance type.

This map class is composed of a variety of native and nonnative shrubs that have weedy tendencies. Dominant species include gooseberries, blackberries, and raspberries, multiflora rose, and prickly-ash. Scattered trees are often present. Weedy goldenrods are often present in the herbaceous layer. SUS is found on old fallow fields and on formerly grazed pasturelands.

